

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 1st, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, John Pavey, Gerald Mohr, Warren Norris, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Leigh Morning, Attorney, and Deborah Adams, Auditor in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. Minutes of the August 11th, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Ken Masters appeared before the council to discuss the proposed budget for 2011. Masters focused on the county image of People, Business and Revenue.

Masters reported that both Shelby and Henry County are both operating under a four (4) day work week. The work hours have changed to a thirty-five (35) hour work week. Masters reported that Henry County had an 8.5% wage cut and that retirees were not replaced. Masters estimated a yearly utility savings of \$8,000.00. Masters was unable to provide a detail of those savings when questioned by Bruce Levi.

Masters reviewed the \$1.4 million total cuts he had calculated with the council. Masters answered when questioned that he did not look at any one area but instead went with a five (5) month average for the bi-weekly claims and a two (2) month average for payroll claims. This resulted in a 12% overall cut in bi-weekly claims and a 4.25% overall cut in payroll.

### **E.C.D.C.**

Ken Masters reported that the E.C.D.C. is still currently operating under an interim director. Applications have been received, but the interview process is still continuing.

### **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

At 8:30 Council Chairman Norman Winkler opened the floor for public comment of the published Rush County proposed budget for the 2011 calendar year.

Public comment was offered by county resident John Saxon; Rush County Health Officer Dr. Davis Ellis; Rush County Extension Educator Kristie Amos. No further comment was received; the public hearings were closed at 8:45 a.m.

At 8:45 a.m. Council Chairman Norman Winkler opened the floor for public comment of the published Rush County Solid Waste District proposed budget for the 2011 calendar year. No public comment was received, the public hearings were closed.

### **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Garry Cooley, Community Foundation Executive Director, updated the council of the \$5.6 million distributions that have benefited Rush County students and organizations since 1991.

## **I-T**

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, reported that the Auditor's blackberry was not properly set up on the government plan. Herbert explained that he just discovered the error and once he makes the correction there will be a \$52.00 monthly savings to the Auditors budget. Herbert assured the council that all remaining units are properly set up on the government plan.

## **HEALTH**

Dr. Davis Ellis discussed proposed budget updates and changes with the council.

## **RIVERBOAT REVENUE**

The council approved the addition appropriation of \$10,220.00 (#150-1000-1-1); \$15,290.00 (#150-1000-1-2); \$14,740.00 (#150-1000-1-3); \$3,664.00 (#150-1000-1-4); \$3,359.43 (#150-1000-1-5); \$1,226.57 (#150-1000-2-1); \$1,500.00 (#150-1000-3-1) on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Kevin Spilman. Motion carried.

## **HIGHWAY**

Jerry Sitton appeared before the council seeking a series of transfers into retirement and health insurance.

Jerry Kent made the motion to allow the transfer of \$5,245.08 from Other Supplies (#2-202-2-4) into Retirement (2-204-1-2). Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried

Bruce Levi made the motion to allow the transfer of \$22,000.00 from Stone & Gravel (#2-202-2-5) into Health Insurance (#2-204-1-4). John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Pavey made the motion to allow the transfer of \$5,000.00 from Road Signs (#2-202-2-8) into Retirement (#2-204-1-2). Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to allow the transfer of \$9, 666.01 from Other Material (#2-202-2-9) into Health Insurance (#2-204-1-4). John Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **OCRA**

The council approved the additional appropriation of \$9,025.00 (1-19-3-48) OCRA Volunteer on a motion by Kevin Spilman. Seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

## **NON-BINDING REVIEW'S**

The council reviewed the Town of Glenwood budget and passed with no changes Resolution 2010- on a motion by John Pavey, seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.

## **AUDITOR**

Deborah Adams reported that she certified the county's assessed values for 2011 to the DLGF for 2011 on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

Chet Walker, Boys & Girls Club Director, thanked the council for their past support and shared his appreciation for any future support.

## **SHERIFF**

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-three (43) inmates housed in the jail

Conversation was held regarding radio maintenance money and secretarial part-time work responsibilities.

## **RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE**

Conversation was held regarding funding of the Rush Memorial Ambulance. County Attorney Leigh Morning notified the council that ninety (90) day notice would need to be provided to Rush Memorial if the county were unable to fund the ambulance service.

Morning will provide an update on RMH financials

## **COUNTY EXTENSION**

The council discussed with Kristie Amos positions within the extension office. The council asked Amos to research as to what other office offers similar services if the offices were to be combined.

## **RECESS**

The council recessed for lunch at 11:15a.m. until 1:00p.m.

## **LEVY EXCESS/RAINY DAY**

The council discussed the difference between the Levy Excess Fund and Rainy Day Fund and how it effects the calculations of the budgets and rates. The council asked Deborah Adams to research these effects.

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Bruce Levi questioned as to if Chief Public Defender Bryan Barrett reports to the Courts or the Public Defender Board.

Conversation was held as to Assistant Public Defender Geoff Wesling also practicing as a private attorney during County hours. Leigh Morning indicated that Wesling should operate out of a private office. It was noted that John Worth is the head of the Public Defender Board.

## **CIRCUIT COURT**

The council discussed budget funding with Judge David Northam. Judge Northam reported that part-time juvenile probation office is currently paid out of the Juvenile Probation Fee Fund #26. Judge Northam reported that this fund will no longer be able to support the position. The full-time adult probation office is paid out of the Adult Probation Fee Fund #

The council questioned Judge Northam regarding the possibility of a future four day work week. Judge Northam indicated that currently hearings are being scheduled three months out and that the courts could work with it if necessary.

Judge Northam reported that Circuit Court Administrator Jenny Sammons has given her two week notice. The council asked if the court could get by with a part-time position. Judge Northam expressed that he felt his staff is working as efficient as possible. Judge Northam explained that due to the bad economy court cases have increased.

### **BUDGET CUTS**

Jerry Kent shared his thoughts that the council should not make the instructed \$1.6 million budget cuts.

### **DRAINAGE BOARD**

The council held conversation regarding the letter received from the Rush County Drainage board asking the council to pay the \$54,907.07 drainage interest for the Wycoff/Sam Young Loan from the Riverboat Revenue Fund or the Rainy Day Fund.

Leigh Morning reported that the Authorizing Resolution was written incorrectly.

Norman Winkler went on record to say that the landowners who benefit from the drain should be responsible for the interest.

After further discussion the council dictated a letter for Auditor Deborah Adams to compose on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Jerry Kent. Motion carried. The letter was prepared and signed by all council members with the exception of Kevin Spilman who had left the meeting earlier for a previous commitment. Adams will forward the letter to the Drainage Board members.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Gerald Mohr. Jerry Kent seconded the motion, motion carried.

/s/Norman Winkler  
Norman Winkler, Chairman

/s/John Pavey  
John Pavey

/s/Gerald Mohr  
Gerald Mohr

/s/Warren Norris  
Warren Norris

/s/ Bruce Levi  
Bruce Levi

/s/Kevin Spilman  
Kevin Spilman

/s/Jerry Kent  
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams  
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor